



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

December 30, 2021
Renewed

Permit No. QC 1115

**MASTER PERMIT FOR THE SHIPMENT OF AUSTRALIAN AND
SOUTH AFRICAN CITRUS AND WASHINGTON APPLES AND PEARS
PACKED IN WASHINGTON, FROM WASHINGTON TO CALIFORNIA**

Under authority of Section 3154 (Secretary May Issue Special Permits) of Title 3, California Code of Regulations (CCR), permission is hereby granted to the Washington Department of Agriculture (WSDA), to authorize firms to ship to California citrus which was grown in Australia and South Africa, packed in Washington, and which otherwise would be prohibited entry into California under the requirements of Section 3250, Citrus Pests, and Washington-produced pears and apples under the following conditions:

WSDA shall ensure that:

1. Shippers may only be approved if they are under a compliance agreement with WSDA to ship only citrus, apple and pear fruit that has been authorized by this permit and to adhere to the requirements of this permit. Shippers shall not have packed Florida citrus during the preceding 12 months.
2. Prior to commencement of shipping, this office is provided with the names and addresses of approved shippers and a copy of their compliance agreements.
3. Transportation and per diem expenses of a CDFA representative are paid for the purpose of observing that the permit requirements are met at origin.
4. Shippers are closely supervised to ensure that the conditions of this permit are met. Supervision shall include regular on-site inspections and review of fruit receipt and shipment records.
5. All shipments of Australian citrus and Washington-produced apple and pear fruit received by the approved shipper shall be recorded and their identity shall be carefully maintained until reshipment.
6. Unless otherwise approved by the CDFA in advance of shipment, only Australian and South African origin citrus fruit and Washington origin pear and apple fruit shall be allowed on the participants' premises. There shall be no commingling of citrus, apples or pears of other origins, either on the premises or in any gift packs. Participants' may submit a written plan to WSDA detailing how any potential commingling shall be prevented. Upon WSDA's review and approval, the WSDA shall forward the plan to the CDFA for its evaluation.



7. A minimum of one representative box of Australian origin citrus per container shipment received shall be visually inspected and then cut and examined for internal feeders. For South African origin citrus, due to heavier infestations of fruit flies, the initial sample will consist of ½ of 1 percent, up to five cartons for large boxes and up to ten cartons for the small Clementine Orange boxes or wooden crates. Additionally, evidence that the shipment has been treated and released by federal officials is required South African citrus. This will generally be in the form of a stamp on a Customs and Border Protection Entry Document (CBP 3461). The stamped area must be dated, signed, and indicate the shipment was treated. The CDFA shall be immediately notified of all internal feeders detected and any surface pest that is not known to occur in California.
8. Each box shipped shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by an authorized representative of WSDA affirming that the shipment meets the requirements of California Permit No. QC 1115. In lieu of a paper certificate, a sticker or stamp-type certificate may be used with the following format:

Australian or South African Origin Citrus, Washington
Origin Pear and Apple Fruit
Shipped Under Authority of Permit No. QC 1115.
Approved by Washington State Department of Agriculture.

(signature)
Authorized Representative

9. All fruit shipped to California under this permit are subject to inspection upon arrival in California.

Violation of any of the conditions of this permit shall be sufficient cause for its immediate revocation.

Unless earlier revoked, this permit is valid through December 31, 2022.

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